(c) whether Government had also given such advice to Hon'ble President?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Resource crunch in Madarsas

3565. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the reports that madarsas in the country are facing severe resource crunch; and

(b) if so, whether Government is taking any steps to support such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A programme of assisting madarsas volunteering to introduce modern subjects of Mathematics, Science, English without affecting traditional as teaching, has been under implementations since the 9th Five Year Plan.

Setting up of new technical Universities

3566. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed by Government for setting up of new Central Universities, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Management and Indian Institute of Information Technology in the country, during 2008-09;

(b) if so, the location-wise/State-wise details thereof, alongwith the financial allocation made by Government for the same; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to achieve the above targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) While Indian Instiute of Science Education & Research (IISERs) at Kolkata, Pune and Mohali are already functioning, IISERs at Bhopal and Thiruvanathapuram will be operative with 75 students each from the academic session of 2008-09. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan have been requested to make available suitable building/space for starting Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) classes from the academic session of 2008-09 with an initial student intake of 120 each. Indian Institute of Management (IIMs) at Shillong has already been established and will commence its academic session from 2008-09 with an initial intake of 60 students.

The financial allocation made by the Government for setting up of new Central Universities, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) in the country during 2008-09, is given below:

(*Rs. in crores*)

Institutes	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Remarks
Central Universities	1632.00	1326.81	2958.81	The provision relates to the existing and new Central Universities
IISERs	150.00	-	150.00	The provisions relates to the existing and new IISERs
IITs	50.00	-	50.00	-
IIMs	10.00	-	10.00	-
IIITs	30.00	-	30.00	-

Opening of new polytechnics

†3567. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a scheme has been formulated for opening new polytechnics;

(b) if so, the number and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether any time limit in this regard has been fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) A scheme has been formulated to provide financial assistance to State Government for establishment of new polytechnics in the districts which do not have any as of now and in underserved districts. These polytechnics will be established by the State Governments during the Eleventh Plan period.

Universities and colleges in Andhra Pradesh

3568. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of universities and colleges in Andhra Pradesh, as on 31st December, 2007;

(b) whether there are any vacancies;

(c) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of vacant posts of lecturers and of non-teaching categories in the academic year 2007-08, university-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to fill up all these vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) According to the University Grants Commission (UGC) there were 27 universities (that included 3 Central Universities) and 435 colleges in Andhra Pradesh as on 31.12.2007. While the position of vacancies in the three Central Universitites is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below) information regarding vacancies in State Universities and colleges is not maintained centrally by the Commission. Reasons

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.